As regards its inclusion in the Central lists of OBC for all the States, it may be stated that the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) has examined the issue and advised the Central Government to include 'Jat' community in the Central list of OBCs for Rajasthan (except in Bharatpur and Dhaulpur districts) only and not for other States.

New welfare schemes for senior citizens

†862. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the new welfare schemes formulated for the benefit of senior citizens of the country;

(b) the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have also issued directions to the courts with regard to early disposal of their cases which are laying pending for a long period; and

(d) if so, the number of the senior citizens likley to be benefited till the end of the year 2001 by it?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) The two schemes i.e. (i) Integrated programmes for Older Persons, and (ii) Scheme of Assistance to Panchayati Raj Institutions/Voluntary Organisations/Self Help, Groups for construction of Old Age Homes/Multi Service Centre for Older Persons, are being implemented throughout the country, since the financial years 1992-93 and 1996-97 respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) the figures of persons benefited are maintained by the NGOs, private institutions and State Governments who implement these programmes.

Welfare schemes for SCs/STs, Minorities Etc. in Maharashtra

863. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of welfare schemes and programmes formulated by Government for the upliftment of SCs/STs/Adivasis/Minorities and other weaker sections of the society in Maharashtra during the last five years;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the details of funds allocated and spent for implementation of these schemes during this period; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) A statement is annexed (*See* below)

(c) The implementation of the schemes in the States/Union Territories (including Maharashtra) is done by the restive State/Union territories, which is reviewed from time to time.

Statement

Welfare schemes for SCs/STs, Minorities etc. in Maharashtra

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	Funds provided (Rs. in lakh)				
		1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
1.	Special Central Assistance to Special Component Plan	1448.87	1922.45	1673.92	2067.30	2722.00
2.	Assistance to Scheduled Caste Development Corporation	647.08	1050.33	—	—	487.98
3.	Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for SCs	1950.00	315.20	297.02	—	727.78
4.	Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship	67.64	21.25	90.98	174.66	160.96
5.	Scheme of Construction of Girls and Boys hostels	88.66	—	—	—	—
6.	Scheme of Book Bank	—	—	—	82.34	27.03
7.	National Scheme of Liberation & Rehabilitation of Scavengers	—	—	—	—	2135.00
8.	National SC/ST Finance & Development Corporation	1198.37	1379.51	29.85	152.43	206.77
9.	Scheme of implementation of Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989	84.79	23.00	50.00	100.00	190.44
10.	Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations working for SCs	3.60	45.19	42.58	145.40	83.34

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	Funds provided (Rs. in lakh)				
		1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
11.	Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan	3160.78	3400.89	3532.21	2974.57	2974.57
12.	Grant under Article 275(1) of the Constitution	801.75	667.25	534.50	1069.75	1603.50
13.	Girls' Hostel (ST)	—	10.00	33.07	—	—
14.	Boys' Hostel (ST)	—	12.50	66.24	—	—
15.	Ashram Schools	—	104.50	157.38	—	—
16.	Research & Training (Tribal Research Institutes)	22.70	50.72	30.18	17.22	9.37
17.	Grant-in-aid to State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations	75.00	99.50	100.00	—	350.00
18.	Village Grain Bank	—	19.20	—	—	—
19.	Development of Primitive Tribal Groups	—	—	—	15.00	57.50
20.	State Tribal Development Finance Corporations	—	—	—	—	50.57
21.	Post Matric Scholarship for STs	421.80	652.58	174.22	—	249.08
22.	Pre-examination coaching for weaker sections including minorities	—	1.66	7.78	1.08	25.70
23.	Assistance to NGOs under the Educational Schemes of Maulana Azad Education Foundation	31.00	28.50	41.50	77.29	12.50
24.	Assistance given through Central Wakf Council under the scheme of Development of Urban Wakf Properties	3.18	3.30	5.25	7.75	2.79
25.	Assistance to NGOs for welfare of Other Backward Classes	—	—	27.65	20.13	20.77
26..	National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation	148.32	—	—	—	620.57